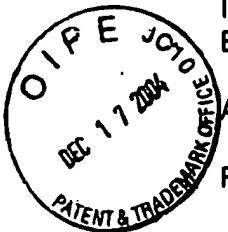


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In re PATENT Application of
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REPLY BRIEF

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Appellants submit herewith a Reply Brief in triplicate in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.193(b).

Appellants submit that the claimed invention is patentable over the cited references for the many reasons advanced in the Appeal Brief. Appellants provide the following additional remarks in response the Examiner's Answer.

Appellants are frustrated by the Examiner's continued refusal to consider the substantial experimental evidence of record, give proper weight to a previous favorable examination, and his blatant disregard for established patent law and rules even after being admonished by the Board in its January 29, 2003 Decision, as discussed below in reference to each of the rejections of record.

Claims 8, 14, 16-18 and 21-25 are patentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over U.S. Patent No. 4,110,430 (Hopp) for the reasons advanced in Appellant's Brief and for the following reasons.

In his Answer, the Examiner states that:

It is noted that in their reply brief of Paper No. 22 Appellants submitted additional evidence in the form of screening tests and a reference